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# Fact Sheet

## Determined Accord Tabletop Exercise

Determined Accord is a multi-agency pandemic tabletop exercise designed to increase federal and non-Federal Governmental Jurisdiction continuity readiness for a pandemic event, mitigate vulnerabilities during an influenza pandemic outbreak, and identify gaps or weaknesses in pandemic planning and in organization Continuity plans, policies, and procedures.

The Determined Accord tabletop exercise is a part of the National Continuity Programs Directorate's strategy to meet its Presidential directed requirements as outlined in the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan, dated May 2006. Determined Accord was developed in coordination with the White House Homeland Security Council, Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture, General Services Administration, and other Federal entities, with the initial exercises conducted for the interagency community in August 2006.

### Exercise Determined Accord objectives include

- Increase the awareness of Federal, State, territorial, tribal and local government agencies of the requirement to incorporate influenza pandemic considerations and procedures into continuity planning.
- Identify special considerations for protecting the health and safety of employees and

utilizing community mitigation measures while maintaining essential government functions and services during a pandemic outbreak.

- Discuss Continuity plans and procedures for telework during a pandemic and identify best practices and areas requiring improvement.
- Review the Essential Elements of a viable continuity capability and explore how they correspond to continuity influenza pandemic planning.
- Identify solutions or alternative actions to challenges, gaps or weaknesses for continuity presented during an influenza pandemic event.

### Exercise Focus

These tabletop exercise discussions allow the participants to address continuity planning and program requirements with other community partners and assists in the development of organizational and interagency continuity lines of communication. Over 60 Determined Accord

Exercises have been conducted across the nation since the exercise was fielded in 2006. The Determined Accord tabletop exercise is a part of a series of continuity tabletops that are delivered with a Train-the-Trainer component. This training option has resulted in the addition of as many as 3,000 exercise facilitators that could support the delivery of this train-the-trainer exercise. Multiple sessions are planned across the country for FY 2009.

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